



# School Rules (Standing Orders) - Girls

## 1 Introduction

- i. These Standing Orders apply at all times during a pupil's career at Peterhouse i.e. behaviour which is prejudicial to the good reputation of Peterhouse and/or is likely to bring the school into disrepute, even during fixture free weekends or holidays, may be deemed to be a breach of these Standing Orders.
- ii. No set of Standing Orders can possibly cover all eventualities. Every Peterhouse pupil is expected to show common sense and to behave at all times with proper consideration for other people. Pupils are therefore expected to observe the common courtesies of greeting other people appropriately and to behave in a considerate and civilised manner.
- iii. The HMPHG reserves the right to amend these Standing Orders as necessary and to discipline pupils whose behaviour is contrary to the letter/spirit of these Standing Orders; this may lead to a decision "to expel, or to request the removal of, a pupil for any cause judged by her to be sufficient" (the Declaration signed by parents of a pupil on admission to Peterhouse).
- iv. Serious cases of bullying, theft, or of a pupil being found in possession of alcohol, tobacco or drugs are always referred to the Rector. The likely outcome of breaches of this nature is permanent exclusion from Peterhouse.

## 2. Bounds/other regulations

The following are always out of bounds without permission:

- i. the guard houses
- ii. the kitchens and the kitchen yard
- iii. the Science department unless supervised by a member of staff
- iv. the stage, lighting box and backstage facilities
- v. areas beyond the security fence
- vi. St Francis School and village
- vii. Zama Zama bottle store
- viii. neighbouring farms
- ix. Marondera.
- x. No pupil is allowed out of her House after 19.00 without her Housemistress' permission, except for an official school activity. House signing out procedures must be strictly observed.
- xi. Pupils are not allowed to visit other Houses without the permission of the relevant Housemistress.
- xii. Any pupil leaving the school grounds except with a member of staff, an official school team or practice or with parents must have a gate pass. This must be handed to Peterhouse gate on return.
- xiii. Vth and VIth Form girls who have a free period should be working in the Dame Molly Court or the Library. Socialising during these times is not permitted.

The following may not be interfered with in any way:

- i. electrical instalments
- ii. I.T., computer or networking equipment
- iii. musical instruments, pianos, video or sound equipment
- iv. flagpoles or flags
- v. ponds or gardens
- vi. aerials
- vii. generators
- viii. kitchens
- ix. beehives

### 3. Clothing regulations

The following are the only dress combinations permitted:

- i. Number Ones: School tie, white shirt, black skirt, black lace-up shoes, white socks, blazer, with or without a blue school pullover. (Formal No.1 – without pullover)
- ii. Vth and VIth Form girls wear a black pencil skirt and black court shoes with a maximum heel height of 5cm. (Formal No.1 – without pullover and flesh coloured tights )
- iii. Daily Uniform - White shirt, plaid skirt, white socks, black lace-up shoes, with or without a blue school pullover.
- iv. Sports - White airtex shirt and blue parachute shorts with white socks/ and predominantly white trainers. Team kit varies depending on the sport.
- v. Casual wear – Saturday evenings and Sundays – no item of school uniform to be worn with casual wear.

Other clothing regulations:

- i. Hats or caps will be worn in the afternoon and at weekends. The only acceptable head gear is the Peterhouse hat or cap.
- ii. Swimming costumes must be standard Peterhouse royal blue.
- iii. Tracksuits must be plain regulation royal blue. They must carry the Peterhouse badge and not carry any other insignia without permission. Both parts of the track suit are worn. Other track suits, such as Zimbabwe or tour track suits, may be worn if approved by the Director of Sport but not to away matches when representing Peterhouse Girls.
- iv. Number Ones school uniform is worn by girls travelling to and from school. It must also be worn at all public functions outside the school during term time unless otherwise instructed (this applies to girls who attend school functions whilst on a floating or fixture free weekend).
- v. Both in school and on the games field, combinations of different sorts of uniforms are not permitted.
- vi. A dark blue fleece may be worn by girls to lessons or in their Houses in winter. It may not be worn with the Number One uniform.
- vii. Pupils may only wear the following jewellery: one pair of earrings in the lower lobe – a simple stud only; a simple cross may be worn but should not be visible. Rings and bracelets may not be worn (Medic Alert bracelets are an exception).
- viii. School pins - only a Prefects Pin or Duke of Edinburgh's Award Pin may be worn at any time on Number 1 blazers. All other pins should not be worn unless it is a Sunday.
- ix. Girls are expected to keep their hair neat. Exotic hairstyles or tinting are strictly forbidden. Girls with long hair must have it tied back, in a ponytail, no higher than the top of the ears, and close to the head. Braids may be worn but must be the same colour as the natural hair and for D Block can be no longer than collar length when tied up (see separate hair regulations)

### 4. Games

Hats or caps are part of the games uniform. A pupil is not properly dressed if, whilst in games clothes, or full tracksuit, a hat or cap is not worn.

- i. Tennis:
  - a. The only footwear allowed is track shoes.
- ii. Squash:
  - a. No girl may use the squash courts after supper except for designated League players.
  - b. White-soled, non-marking shoes must be worn
  - c. Girls may NOT play in bare feet.
- iii. Swimming:
  - a. No girl is allowed to use the pool for recreational purposes unless there is supervision, and then only if she has passed the swimming test of one length.
  - b. The only swimwear permitted when swimming is a regulation school blue costume.
  - c. No hard objects of any kind are allowed in the pool except on the instructions of the mistress in charge.
  - d. No girl may be thrown or pushed into the pool.
  - e. The use of coloured sun protection cream is not permitted.

### 5. In the bush

- i. No pupil may go into Gosho Park unless she is in a group of at least three pupils, and unless she has signed out from her House by her Housemistress or Duty member of Staff.
- ii. No fire must ever be lit in the bush.
- iii. Bilharzia awareness: no swimming in local dams or rivers is permitted.

- iv. All litter must be brought back and disposed of at school.
- v. Other people's property must be respected, and ruins must not be damaged or disturbed, nor paintings defaced. Gates must not be left open, nor fences damaged.
- vi. Pupils may not go on neighbouring properties without permission.

## **6. Dining halls**

- i. In order to ensure that the dining halls are civilized places, the school will from time to time publish regulations regarding mealtimes and table manners etc. In general pupils are expected to behave in a polite, civilised and appropriate manner.
- ii. No pupil may enter the kitchens at any time.
- iii. No food, cutlery or crockery may be removed from the dining halls.

## **7. Library**

- i. The library is a place of silence, and must be respected as such.
- ii. No book/magazine may be removed from the library without permission.
- iii. The Librarian or Library clerk has full authority in the library and must be obeyed.

## **8. Fires**

- i. No fire may be lit anywhere on school property.

## **9. Transport regulations**

- i. No pupil may return to school late or leave school early, other than in exceptional circumstances, without prior permission from the HMPHG. Such a request should be submitted in advance and in writing by the parents of the pupil concerned to the HMPHG's Secretary.
- ii. Hitch hiking to and from school is strictly forbidden.
- iii. Only VIth Form and members of clubs or sports that require a bicycle may have bicycles at school.
- iv. Pupils may not have any motorised transport (i.e. a car or motorbike) in school except in accordance with the relevant policy which is available via the VIth Form Housemistress or the HMPHG's Secretary.

## **10. Cell phones/electronic gadgets/valuable items**

- i. Peterhouse has clear guidance concerning the use of cell phones and electronic gadgets which is published in boarding houses and is also available from Housemistresses or the HMPHG's Secretary.
- ii. Pupils must ensure that all personal items are marked with their name, and that serial numbers are registered with the Housemistress. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of valuables, and items of real value should not be brought to school. All valuable items must be insured by the parents.

## **11. Orders common to Peterhouse boys & Peterhouse girls**

- i. In mixed company, girls and boys are expected to behave sensibly/appropriately at all times
- ii. Physical contact is forbidden.
- iii. Girls' residential quarters (i.e. girls' boarding houses at PHG) are strictly out of bounds to boys.
- iv. Boys' residential quarters (i.e. boys' boarding houses at PHB) are strictly out of bounds to girls.
- v. Pupils may visit Dame Molly Court at break-time by invitation only.
- vi. Pupils visiting PHG: Permission (and a chit) must be obtained from the Duty Member of Staff in the Common Room before a pupil leaves PHB. On arrival at PHG, he must report to the Duty Member of Staff. Visiting may take place on Sundays either from 10.00 to 12.00 or from 15.00 to 17.00 Visitors must stick to the regulated visiting areas.

## **10. Gosho Park – rules for pupils**

- i. Pupils MUST be in groups of 3 and must sign out of the House before entering Gosho Park. Hats must be worn.
- ii. All normal school rules apply.
- iii. You are in a game park so behave accordingly – no loud noise or music and no teasing of animals. Please leave rocks and trees intact and no fires to be lit.
- iv. Fishing is strictly 'catch and release', no spear guns or netting.
- v. No swimming allowed and boating only under adult supervision.
- vi. No pupils' cars to be taken into the park – only bicycles.

**11. Illicit behaviour by pupils:**

- i. Guards to secure/contain the pupil/s, without physically apprehending them, who are involved in any illicit incident.
- ii. Radio the main gate to call in order if not answered:
  - a. PHG:
  - b. Pupil's Housemistress
  - c. Senior Mistress
  - d. Deputy Head
  - e. HMPHG
- iii. Staff member answering the call to go to the scene with the relevant Housemistress to collect the pupils and the evidence.
- iv. Housemistress takes over and takes statements then and there, isolating the pupils if necessary. Pupils sent to bed and the matter followed up the next day.